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NATIONAL REPORT

Union Maps \$10 Million Anti-Bias Drive

A \$10 million AFL-CIO drive to end segregation in the South was launched in Atlanta by packinghouse union leaders, who announced that they will encourage their 15,000 southern members to defy Jim Crow laws in order to bring the biased practices to court.

Flaying Dixie leaders who are fighting to maintain segregation, officials of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO), at a two-day anti-discrimination conference, announced that the funds will be used for court tests of segregation, research on discriminatory practices in all areas of southern life and propaganda to win public opinion over to the anti-segregation standard.

The "major battlefields" on which union leaders will wage war will be schools and transportation facilities, it was announced. Union program coordinator John H. Telfer said he expects other CIO and AFL unions to join the campaign as well as militant non-union organizations.

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3 Negroes Win \$280,000 In Irish Sweepstakes



Chicago winner Sanders Ray. named R. Houghton. Notified that his ticket had won \$140,000, Lewis couldn't locate the ticket stub nor co-purchaser Houghton. At week's end, he faced the possibility of not collecting his share of the \$140,000 while jubilant Ray, who plans to buy a new car, quipped: "They've nicknamed me Sugar Ray."

A Chicago packing house worker, a New York skycap and an Army GI won a total of \$280,000 in the Irish Sweepstakes. Holding winning first place tickets—worth \$140,000 each—were Chicagoan Sanders Ray, a 28-year-old can labeler at Libby McNeill & Libby Company, and New Yorkers 51-year-old skycap Earl Lewis and a GI

Calif. Assembly Votes For Mixed Marriages

A bill which would repeal California's ban against interracial marriages was passed unanimously by the State Assembly and sent to the Senate for action. Meanwhile, the Senate Labor Committee killed a bill banning race labels on applications for employment filed with California state agencies.

Memphis To Hire Its 1st Negro Firemen

The Memphis Fire Department announced that 10 Negro firemen shortly will be hired and will become the first Negroes ever employed in the department. Soon after the announcement, a record 284 Negroes applied for the Civil Service posts.

Marva Louis Fights \$100,000 Tax Claim

Joe Louis' ex-wife Marva Trotter Spaulding of Chicago is contesting a government claim that she owes almost \$100,000 in back taxes for the years 1946 to 1949, papers in the U. S. Tax Court in Washington disclosed. The government charges that Mrs. Spaulding failed to report almost \$134,000 in "compensation for services" from Joe Louis during the four years and asks \$88,077 in additional taxes plus \$9,771 in "delinquency payments." In protesting the claim, Mrs. Spaulding said the government over-estimated the amount of monies she received from Joe.

Negro Heads U. S. Group To International Scout Meet

Emerson James, assistant field director of the Greater New York Boy Scout Council, was named chief scoutmaster of the city's delegation to the 1955 International Boy Scout Jamboree. He will be the first Negro ever to head a U. S. Scout delegation at an International Jamboree. James will be in charge of a 36-Scout delegation to Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario, August 18-28.

■ Mother Grieves For Stricken Son. Anxiety etched in her face, Mrs. Dolores Hunter is near hysterics as her son clings feebly to life after drinking an antiseptic solution. The boy will recover, thanks to patrolman Sam Gallagher (l.), who rushed him to a New York hospital, and Dr. Wasyl Sokolyk.



This One



THOUSANDS MOURN WALTER WHITE



White's first family included wife, Leah, children, Jane and Walter Jr.

In the biggest funeral in Harlem history, an estimated 7,000 mourners of all races overflowed St. Martin's Episcopal Church to pay final tribute to Walter F. (for Francis) White, longtime NAACP executive secretary, internationally known racial diplomat and confidant to U. S. Presidents and Congressmen.

The esteem in which the former Atlanta insurance salesman was held by white and Negro Americans was evidenced immediately after news spread of his death. Hundreds of condolences (including a telegram from President Eisenhower) poured into NAACP headquarters. Newspapers, both in the North



White later wed Poppy Cannon, who with daughter meets Mrs. F.D.R.

AT HARLEM'S BIGGEST FUNERAL

and South, editorialized on the passing of America's foremost Negro leader since famed educator Booker T. Washington.

Called a "Negro Moses" in the North and a "race rabclist" in the South, White, the son of a postal employe, whose death he attributed to Jim Crow, demanded, fought, agitated and harangued for equality of Negroes. In the 1920's, White conducted inquiries into 41 lynchings and eight race riots. Once while probing an Arkansas riot, he hopped a train just in time to escape a posse looking for "a damned NAACP Negro posing as a white reporter."

As the NAACP grew to a wartime peak of a half million, White became a behind-the-scenes power in Washington, was consulted by Presidents and Congressmen alike. His one-man power changed the course of U. S. history. Virtually singlehandedly, White blocked the appointment to



Federal Judge William Hastie, considered as possible successor to White, passes bier of late NAACP head.



White's widow and stepchildren leave Harlem's St. Martin's Protestant Episcopal Church after last rites.

White's Second Marriage Aroused Criticism

the Supreme Court of North Carolina Judge Robert Parker and later stopped a U. S. probe of Justice Hugo Black after newspapers exposed him as a former "Kluxman." He also caused the defeat of the Dixie regional educational bill in the Senate by one vote and wrote FDR's wartime FEPC executive order.

Ironically, while at the height of his power and prestige, White himself became the target of much criticism from Negroes. The reason: his 1949 marriage to thrice-wed, white, South Africa-born Poppy Cannon, a magazine food editor. In what was perhaps the NAACP's most crucial meeting, the 48-member national board voted by a 23-12 margin—after a 3½-hour debate—to retain White only because of a spirited plea by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Sentence 2 St. Louis Lawmakers For Bribery

Two St. Louis aldermen, Ben Oliver and his white colleague, Walter W. Ziegenbalg, pleaded guilty to sale of a public office and fraud and were sentenced to 18 months each. The sentence stipulated that the men would serve the time in the workhouse, making it possible for them to apply immediately for parole. Both men were charged with soliciting or receiving bribes in connection with matters pending before the Aldermanic Board.

Expert Says Negro Lost Pace In Population Growth

Although the Negro population has increased 20-fold in the past 160 years, the Negro gradually has lost out in population growth in the United States, according to Dr. Homer Hitt, associate dean of Louisiana State's Graduate School. Dr. Hitt said the ratio of Negroes to whites now is only one to 10, while the ratio was one to five in 1790.

Yesterday In Negro History

April 3, 1945—Four Negro Wacs, who had been court-martialed for refusing to obey superior officers, were restored to duty in Boston by Maj.-Gen. Sherman Miles. The Wacs testified that they had been ordered to do menial work because of their color.

April 4, 1941—The Frances Plaza Apartments, a low-rent housing development built by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mason with money they won from the Irish Sweepstakes, was opened for occupancy in Philadelphia. The Masons, on relief at the time, won \$150,000 in the Sweepstakes in 1939.

April 7, 1831—The Virginia Legislature outlawed all meetings in which free Negroes would learn to read and write. Such meetings were considered unlawful assembly and any white person caught teaching Negroes was liable to a \$5 fine and imprisonment.



Benjamin Mason

CAN THE NAACP PRODUCE



Walter White

To millions of Americans, Walter White was the NAACP. As the organization's fiery crusader for over 30 years, he campaigned in every state and abroad, investigated hundreds of civil rights cases and raised millions of dollars for racial causes. As a result, the NAACP grew into a 400,000-member powerhouse and became the world's greatest champion of darker races. Last week, as the

NAACP prepared the final phase of its most significant victory—the outlawing of U. S. school segregation—Walter White died. Cause: heart trouble induced by years of hard work.

As a host of mourners, including President Eisenhower and Haitian chief executive Paul V. Magloire, poured a steady stream of telegrams and flowers into White's New York home, one inevitable question lurked uppermost in the minds of millions who want the organization to remain strong and effective. The question: Can the NAACP produce another Walter White?



Thurgood Marshall



Clarence Mitchell

Top NAACP leaders—stunned and saddened by White's passing—refused to discuss the pending change of command. One board member, however, told *JET*: "There are no definite plans for a successor. We just never considered that Walter would die."

With the next meeting of the 48-member NAACP board of directors

ANOTHER WALTER WHITE?

slated for April 11 in New York, it is conceivable that the body could take up the matter of filling the vacant, \$14,500-a-year executive secretary post, the most influential civil rights job in the world.

Informed board sources told *JET* that the next NAACP chieftain will be either 54-year-old administrator Roy Wilkins or 47-year-old legal counsel Thurgood Marshall. As administrator since 1950, tall, scholarly Wilkins—a 21-year-old staff veteran who once edited *Crisis* magazine—served in the top spot during White's absence and is considered the logical successor. However, because Thurgood Marshall skyrocketed to world-wide fame, the ex-Baltimore lawyer—a dynamic and colorful figure—could have the job if he wanted it. Friends say Marshall is already "overloaded" as director of the NAACP legal department and is not interested.

Also mentioned for the post are NAACP staffers Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau; Edward F. Dudley, Fight for Freedom Fund director and former U. S. Ambassador to Liberia; and Federal Judge William Hastie, of Philadelphia. However, it is doubtful that Hastie will give up his judgeship, which is a lifetime appointment. "No matter who is appointed," said one source, "the NAACP will move forward as Walter White dreamed."



William Hastie



Roy Wilkins



Edward Dudley

JET VISITS



BY
VINCENT TUBBS

To the average American, New Orleans is the home of the Mardi Gras and jazz music, but the city shaped like a crescent with a river at its top and a lake at its bottom is far more

St. Louis Cathedral and statue of General Andrew Jackson on rearing horse are landmarks of New Orleans' Vieux Carré.

NEW ORLEANS

than a center of frivolity and jam sessions. Best city in the deep South for Negroes, it is a mecca for the man who wants to be cultured and rich as well as the man faced with having to root hog or die.

And, actually, no man should die until he has seen New Orleans, hugged a pretty Creole girl as he danced to Dixieland music, and sucked the claws of a crab floating in gumbo juice.

Friendliest city in a land famed for its hospitality, no-



Riding in surrey with fringe on top, Mrs. Jessilea Lieteau Dejoie and Mrs. Thais Devora Baccus tour famous French Quarter.

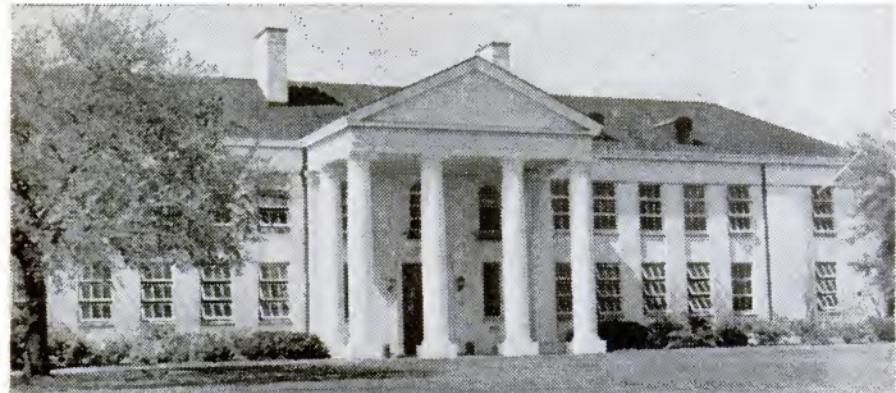
Greatest Expansion In City's History Now Under Way

body wants for work or food in New Orleans. Surrounding waters are full of fish, jobs are plentiful on the docks and more than 80 per cent of the city's skilled construction workers (hodcarriers, brickmasons, plasterers) are Negroes. They earn \$60 to \$160 in 5 days; then, in fine old tradition, spend the weekend at beer and gumbo parties where they build homes for self or friend.

And although it is one of the nation's oldest (1718) and sprawlingest cities (4th in area in the U. S. A.), New Orleans is now building a \$65 million bridge across the muddy Mississippi and a \$40 million causeway across blue Lake Pontchartrain to spread out more. Across the river are big industrial plants; across the lake, new residential areas.

Thus, with its eye on a bright future, the Crescent City preserves its romantic past principally for white tourists. For instance, Negro guests are not welcome in famous French Quarter clubs where jazz was born.

Actually, much of what is best known about historical New Orleans is no longer true. The Streetcar Named Desire is now a bus. Basin Street is a business thoroughfare, not a place where dark and light folk meet. But race restrictions are an on-again, off-again matter. On:



Dillard University (above) and Xavier University offer New Orleanians unsurpassed cultural training.



Sugar Hill home of Prudhomme Dejoie Sr., was built by owner who recently retired as head of Louisiana Insurance Co.

Negroes sit in the rear of public transportation, in the balconies of theatres. Off: They live polka-dotted Uptown, Downtown, Back o' Town and Front o' Town, shop freely in all stores and have experienced no major racial incident since Reconstruction Days.

Yet, despite a belligerency about segregation that provokes a \$25 million building program in which 13 out of 20 new schools are for Negroes, New Orleans is tolerantly *laissez faire* on some phases of race relations. It has to be. It has eight kinds of Negroes based on diminution of African blood—from sacatoo (87%) to octoroon (12.5%). And there has been so much criss-crossing of the color line down through the years that the city has perhaps some of the most handsome men and beautiful women in the world. Any doubtful visitor has only to visit Corpus Christi Church on Sunday morning to be convinced.

But history forgotten, today's New Orleans Negroes are busy dispelling the belief that theirs is a land of dreams, free love and voodoo rites.

With sixteen companies claiming New Orleans as home,



Because city is below sea level, New Orleans rarely buries its dead underground. Early residents are entombed in crypts and vaults.

Catholic Town Has 117 Protestant Churches

the city has more domiciled Negro insurance companies than any other city in America. Largest is the 35-year-old Louisiana Life Insurance Company (117,906 policy holders, $\$2\frac{1}{2}$ million in assets, $\$850,000$ in mortgage loans). Emanuel C. Butler operates with his son, Juggy, the only first-rate Negro-owned jewelry store in the south. Adam Hydell has made a fortune out of scrap metal and junk. Negroes own 400 of 700 streetcorner bars catering to colored trade.

Some 40,000 persons out of a Negro population of 180,000 are voters. The job-conscious Urban League and the 2,000-member NAACP guard the Negroes' rights, the alert *Louisiana Weekly* reports the births, deaths and social activities, and radio disc jockeys "Honeyboy" Hardy, Dr. Daddy-o, and Oakey-Doakey keep everybody entertained with spiritual and blues tunes.

Impressive 100-bed Flint-Goodrich Hospital has served the Negro community's medical needs for 23 years. And while the city is traditionally known as a Catholic town (71 churches open to Negroes), it has more Negro Protestant churches (117).

TICKER TAPE U.S.A.



The Negro Press' three White House correspondents will attend the Afro-Asian conference in Indonesia along with Harlem Congressman **A. Clayton Powell**. Slated to fly to the Far East are NNPA's **Louis Lautier**, Chicago Defender's **Ethel Payne** and ANP's **Alice Dunnigan** . . . State Department consultant **John Roxborough** is looking for young Negro college graduates for foreign service posts . . . Flint, Mich., lawyer **Joseph Burch** was nominated for a top legal job with the Post Office.

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A few hours before his death, NAACP executive secretary **Walter White** tried to arrange a White House conference on civil rights with **President Eisenhower** . . . New Jersey GOP leader **Dr. James O. Hill** led a two-bus delegation of East Orange citizens on a visit to Capitol Hill. Commerce Department aide **E. Frederic Morrow** addressed the group . . . An estimated 1,000 citizens, jammed in a Columbus, Miss., church, waited two hours for the NAACP's **Clarence Mitchell**, to arrive. He was delayed when the car of his escort, **Dr. James Stringer**, had two flats.

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Only Negro male administrative aide to a Congressman is Cleveland's **Thomas J. Robinson**, of Rep. **Charles Vanik**'s staff . . . Congressman **Charles Diggs** has received no speaking bids from Dixie . . . The hubby of **Maxine Dargan**, Congressman Powell's girl Friday, gave her a gold-encrusted jewelry box from Egypt. He is one of the few Negro firemen on an ocean-going freighter.

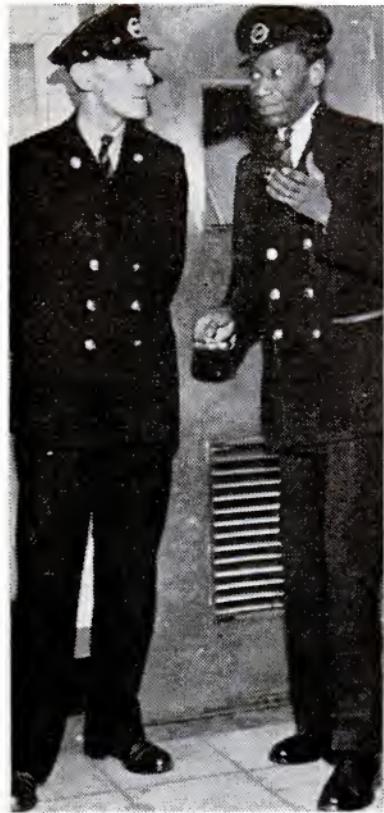
—SIMEON BOOKER

5 British West Indian Colonies Plan Federation

Leaders of five British West Indies colonies, meeting in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, agreed to organize a federation of states as the first step toward independence within the Commonwealth. Representatives from Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados and the Windward and Leeward Islands proposed new immigration policies to allow free movement between the colonies. In the past, Trinidad barred citizens from Barbados.

Negro Cleric Gets High Church Of England Post

Rev. Dr. Marcus James, Jamaica-born former associate chaplain at London University, was appointed minister of a leading Church of England parish in Birmingham, scene of recent racial clashes between whites and West Indian immigrants. Dr. James will administer to both white and Negro families in the manufacturing district, where job-seeking Negroes have flocked since World War II. He will seek to relieve growing tension between the races.



◀ **First London Stationman:** Working as the first Negro stationman and highest ranking of some 500 Negro London Transport employees, 34-year-old West Indian William F. Barrett discusses a problem with a co-worker. Barrett helps control train movements and supervises railway personnel.

Birmingham Pastor Asks Divorce From Sixth Wife

A popular Birmingham pastor, Rev. Herbert E. Gilvin, filed suit for a divorce from his sixth wife, nurse Viola Gilvin, on charges that she deserted him five years ago. Mrs. Gilvin promptly denied the charges, said the minister "manhandled and threw me out of the bedroom and locked himself in." During the lockout, she claims, "I took the door off the hinges, went into the bedroom, washed his pajamas, cleaned up his room, thinking he would want me back." Instead he "pulled a pistol on me" and "told me to stay away," she accused.

Wife Claims Mate Hid 'Impotency,' Asks Divorce

Los Angeles housewife, Mildred M. Walker sued for annulment of her six-year marriage to her husband, Sylvester, on grounds that prior to their wedding he concealed the fact that he was "physically incapable" of entering into wedlock.

Mrs. Walker complained that her husband is "frigid and impotent" and that his condition is "wholly incurable."

► **■ Vets Pick Negro Queen:** Chosen over five other candidates for the title of Queen of Hearts as St. Paul's Loafers, Inc., ball, 19-year-old Patricia Brown receives her crown from Joseph Rogers, dubbed Winter Carnival King Boreas XIX by the World War II veterans' group.



Dismiss Vice Charge Against Mixed Couple

A charge of living off the proceeds of prostitution filed against 42-year-old Negro ex-dancer Carl Neil was dismissed in Manhattan's Special Sessions Court when district attorney's police failed to produce evidence supporting the charge. Neil, who in the last nine months has been arrested more than a half dozen times with his white wife Elaine, 21, for vagrancy, narcotics and other charges, was freed of the latest charge against him. Earlier the couple claimed they had been humiliated and persecuted by police because of their interracial marriage.

Woman Accuses D. C. Cop Of Sex Attack

A 29-year-old married policeman and father of several children was accused by a Washington, D. C., waitress of forcing her at gunpoint to submit to an act of perversion before assaulting her in his car and again in her apartment after taking her home. Deputy Chief George R. Wallrodt said the policeman admits intimacy with the 25-year-old woman but denied that force was used.

Conn. Couple Nabbed At Private 'Chitterling Party'

A 34-year-old married post office clerk, James M. Patterson, and Miss Mary McKinney, 24, were arrested on moral charges in Hartford, after they told vice squad police who raided her apartment that they were having a "chitterling party." Police said they broke into the locked apartment and found the couple together. Asked where his wife was, Patterson was quoted by police as saying, "Home where she belongs."

Sentence Man Who Tried To Kill Wife 6 Times

In New Orleans, 40-year-old Harry Kelly was sentenced to three years in prison because he attempted to kill his wife six times. His methods: 1) he hit her with his fists; 2) banged her with a hammer; 3) assaulted her with other deadly weapons; 4) poured turpentine and caustic solution in her face and eyes; 5) poured hot water over her; and 6) held her head in the oven while the gas was on.

Calif. Portia Asks Divorce From Lawyer Mate

Attractive socialite lawyer Martha Malone Jefferson filed suit for divorce from her husband and law partner, Atty. Bernard S. Jefferson, in Los Angeles Superior Court on charges of "extreme cruelty." Her suit asks custody of Jefferson's son, Roland, 15, whom she adopted several years ago. According to the complaint, the couple signed a property agreement which was not made public.

Atty. Jefferson, a former Howard University law prof, refused to comment on whether they would continue their law partnership.



Atty. and Mrs. Jefferson

Asks Divorce From Pastor Who Killed Her Lover

A 26-year-old Cleveland wife who escaped death when her minister husband, Rev. Clough Thompson, caught her in bed with another man and killed him with a machine gun, filed suit for a divorce from the clergyman on grounds of cruelty. Mrs. Caldonia Thompson claimed in the suit that she had been a faithful wife but the minister neglected her and was extremely cruel. Rev. Thompson was sentenced to one to 20 years in prison for machine-gunning to death Charles Robinson, his wife's companion, in February, 1953.

N. C. Negroes Mob White GI Who Attacked Girl, 3

A group of enraged Fayetteville, N. C., Negroes mobbed and severely beat a white Fort Bragg tank company soldier who reportedly assaulted a three-year-old Negro girl. Police rescued Pfc. Charles Fisher, of the 505th Airborne Infantry unit, from the mob and rushed him to a hospital.

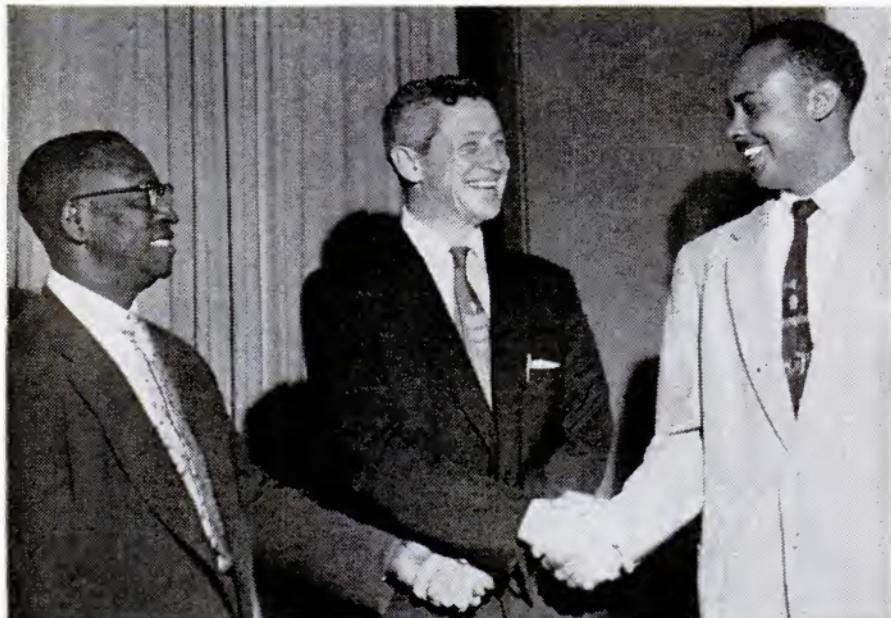
EDUCATION

School Desegregation Arguments Set For April 11

The U. S. Supreme Court announced that it would begin hearings April 11 on how to desegregate public schools, indicating that the court wishes to settle the problem before schools reopen in September. Representatives of the Justice Department, 10 states and the District of Columbia, and the NAACP will take part in the oral arguments.

Md. Board Refuses To Integrate Ft. Meade School

The Anne Arundel County (Md.) Board of Education refused an Army request to end racial segregation at an elementary school the board operates at Ft. Meade.



■ **Fla. Governor Greets Teachers:** Greeting incoming and outgoing presidents of the Florida State Teachers Association at the group's 62nd annual convention in Orlando, Florida, Governor Leroy Collins (c.) shakes hands with Dr. G. T. Wiggins of Pensacola (l.), retiring president, and Jake Gant of Palmetto, new president.



Platt family portrait shows Mr. and Mrs. Platt and children.

Fla. Dad Sues For 'Colored' Kids In White Schools

Allen Platt, the Florida fruit picker whose children were ousted from white schools in Lake County after Sheriff Willis McCall ruled they had Negro blood, filed suit against county school officials in an effort to lift the ban against his children. Platt, who claims his family is of Cherokee Indian and Irish descent, said the children were listed as Croatan Indians in South Carolina, where they attended an all-Croatan school.

Fla. College Gets \$6,000 Room For Bethune Papers

A \$6,000 file room is being built on the Bethune-Cookman College campus in Daytona Beach, Fla., to hold the documents and private papers of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, college founder and advisor to U. S. presidents. The room is being financed by the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation. Scholars and history students will have access to the important Bethune papers, which will be filed in the room.

MEDICINE

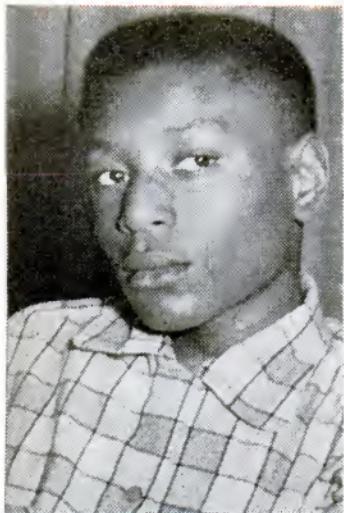
N. Y. Medical Student Wins Rotary Scholarship

Robert F. Murray Jr., a second year medical student at the University of Rochester at Rochester, N. Y., was granted a \$2,500 Rotary Foundation Fellowship for advanced study in Europe, and became the first Negro ever so honored. A graduate of Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., Murray received the grant from the Newburgh (N. Y.) Rotary Club. He plans to study biochemistry.

Virginia Medical Unit Admits 1st Negro

Dr. A. B. Harrison of Franklin, Va., was named a member of the Tri-County Medical Society at Suffolk, and became the first Negro admitted into the organization. He was elected by unanimous vote of doctors attending the meeting.

MINN. SURGEONS USE DOG'S LUNG



Calvin Richmond

Dr. Richard Varco sewed up the holes, one reportedly

In a delicate operation termed the first of its kind, surgeons at the University of Minnesota Hospital used the lung of a dog to purify the blood of a 13-year-old Pine Bluff, Ark., boy during surgery which closed three holes in the boy's heart wall. The blood of the patient, Calvin Richmond, was rerouted first through a small mechanical pump and then through a lung removed from a dog in order to renew the supply of oxygen in the boy's blood. This process left Calvin's damaged heart free of blood while Dr. C. Walton Lillehei and



■ **Males Enter Nursing School:** Completing pre-clinical training for entry into Chicago's Provident Hospital School of Nursing, male students John Aaron Jr. of Little Rock (l.) and Arthur G. Goode Jr. of Asheville, N. C., get candles and chevrons from director Beatrice Norris (r.).

IN OPERATION ON BOY'S HEART

the size of a nickel. Hospital spokesmen said the operation on Calvin's heart marked two surgical "firsts." It was the first time a non-human donor was used; and it was the first time a heart damaged in an accident had been repaired successfully. Calvin, who was injured in a truck accident in 1954, was crippled as a result, and faced death unless he underwent the rare operation at the University of Minnesota Hospital—the only hospital staffed and equipped for such surgery. When a Little Rock newspaper columnist, Carroll McGaughey, learned that Calvin would die unless he got \$2,000 for medical and nursing expenses, he campaigned in his column and on his TV show for contributions, and Arkansas citizens contributed over \$3,000. Then, a National Guard plane flew Calvin to Minneapolis and he was taken to the hospital where the surgeons donated their services free. Calvin's condition was reported as "satisfactory" following the operation.

RELIGION

Baptist Prexy Invited To Preach In Moscow

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, and pastor of Chicago's Olivet Baptist Church, was invited to preach at a Baptist church in Moscow. The invitation was signed by Jakob Zhibkov and Alexander Karev, officers of the All Baptist Christian Union of Russia, whom Dr. Jackson met last summer during a visit to Sweden. Dr. Jackson will sail to London June 24 as a guest of the Council of Churches of Great Britain and will attend sessions of the 90-man Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in Switzerland. He indicated he would decide on the Russian invitation before sailing for Europe.

ART



■ **Paralyzed Artist:** Although paralyzed in both arms and legs by polio in 1948, disabled Army veteran Joseph Ganns demonstrates his artistic talent for publicist Dianne David (c.) and occupational therapist Virginia Hines during art exhibit of disabled vets' work at Chicago's Johnson Art Galleries. Ganns began painting as part of physical therapy.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

 **HOLDUP OF THE WEEK.** Unlocking his parked car in an alley behind the Gary (Ind.) Urban League office, League executive secretary Clifford E. Minton was suddenly accosted by two men. One thrust a knife against his ribs, the other started going through his pockets. Suddenly one of the men recognized Minton and exclaimed: "That's the Urban League man, let him go. He doesn't have anything anyway." Minton and his \$7 were left intact.

 **EMERGENCY CALL OF THE WEEK.** When Elijah Buchanan of Cleveland called a police ambulance for his ailing 18-month-old daughter, Peggy Lou, ambulance attendants soon arrived but refused to enter the house. The reason: a scarlet fever quarantine notice outside. The sufferer: Peggy Lou, who died inside shortly afterwards.

 **NAMESAKE OF THE WEEK.** In Memphis, everybody knew 26-year-old Lee Andrew Cane, and they called him Sugar Cane because he had a weakness for sugar. Last week he was in jail for stealing 5,000 pounds of it from the company where he worked as a truck driver.

 **NEW STEREOTYPES OF THE WEEK.** In Memphis, two whites came up with a pair of new stereotypes for Negroes. The first came from police Lt. Jimmy Cox, who explained why he decided a Negro must have broken into a restaurant and rifled the jukebox, leaving a pair of shoes behind. Said Cox: "The shoes had been dyed black. Most Negroes wear tan shoes." Later in the week, Lena M. Lenzi appeared before a housing rehabilitation advisory board, was asked how the 21 Negro occupants of her apartment building took baths without tubs, and if she had considered installing showers. Replied Miss Lenzi: "Colored people won't use a shower."



CHOICE OF THE WEEK. After a bitter argument with his wife, Mattie Lee, in Charleston, S. C., 40-year-old Walter Nelson stalked out of the house, climbed into an auto to talk to a friend. Minutes later, Mrs. Nelson came out, thrust a single barreled shotgun through the car window into her husband's face and shot him to death. Scene of the shooting: Do As You Choose Alley.



TRAGEDY OF THE WEEK. Playing "cowboy" with his sister in Waldorf, Md., five-year-old James W. Butler suggested they needed a gun to make the game real. His sister Jean, 6, soon found a 20-gauge, double-barreled shotgun behind a dresser, loaded it with shells she found lying nearby, aimed at James and pulled the trigger. The boy was killed almost instantly.



SOCIALITES OF THE WEEK. When the Indianapolis police vice squad raided the Keystone Social Club, they found only five members being sociable. Before the officers left with the five under arrest for gambling, however, two more members "dropped in"—right out of the ceiling. The flooring had given away under their attic hiding place.



TUG-O'-WAR OF THE WEEK. When 26-year-old cook Albert Williams saw two finance men attaching a tow line to his car on a Pasadena, Calif., street, he leaped inside, rolled up the windows and locked the doors. Then the reposessors: 1) towed the car to a garage; 2) pulled it to a police station where police refused to intervene in the civil matter; 3) towed it back to Williams' home after the garage owner refused to accept it because Williams was locked inside; 4) removed the spark plugs and distributor cap before leaving. After they left, Williams rushed back to the police station to learn his "rights" and was promptly locked up. Reason: he was wanted in Los Angeles on a traffic charge. As police carried Williams away, the finance men quietly took the car.

Clevelander Gets Post With National Shoe Firm

A 21-year-old Cleveland shoe company employee, Isaac Haggins, was named sales branch manager by the National Shoe Company, the highest position ever held by a Negro in the 79-year history of the firm. A 1954 business administration graduate of West Virginia State College, Haggins received his appointment after being with the Charles Chester Shoe Company only seven months.



Haggins



■ **Opens \$327,000 Shopping Center:** Readying a \$327,000 shopping center for formal opening in Houston, promoter Rev. A. A. McCardell inspects a row of the center's nine apartment buildings. Center includes super market, beauty, cleaning, clothing and drug shops, was financed by Atlanta Life and Golden State insurance firms.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Isobel McDougald, 39, explaining to Cameron, N. C., hospital authorities why she was ready to leave four days after giving birth to her 24th child: "*I can't stay in the bed too long or I'll get lazy.*"

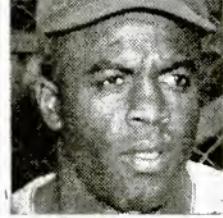
Nat (King) Cole, the singer, when asked how movie-making differs from one-night stands: "*In a night club you talk when you run out of songs. In a picture you sing when you run out of words.*"

Mike Connolly, a Hollywood columnist, describing Ella Fitzgerald's voice: "*Her pitch is so perfect the orchestra tunes up to her.*"

Gov. George Timmerman Jr. of South Carolina, defining desegregation in an attack upon the Supreme Court's decision: "*Desegregation is designed to lynch the character of a fourth of our nation . . . It is contrary to the divine order of things. Only an evil mind could conceive it. Only a foolish mind can accept it.*"

James Fowler, explaining to Detroit police why he was found crawling on his hands and knees: "*I am not drunk. I had some dental work done on my teeth. I took several doses of strong medicine and I have been working long hours. That's why I am unable to stand on my feet.*"

Jackie Robinson, the baseball player, replying to would-be female wolves after diplomacy fails: "*I'm married, I love my wife and I'm not a misunderstood husband.*"



George S. Mitchell, Southern Regional Council executive director, when asked what impact desegregation in sports would have on race relations in the South: "*I've got nothing against preachers, but I reckon Jackie Robinson has done more good than 500 preachers.*"



THE WEEK'S BEST PHOTOS

Robert Blake

■ **Sweepstakes Winner's Lone Reward:** Unable to find his receipt for a winning Irish Sweepstakes ticket that would entitle him to share in \$140,000 prize, 51-year-old New York skycap Earl Lewis of Brooklyn, gets his only reward—a good, swift kick in the pants from his wife, Martha.



Theodore Gagney

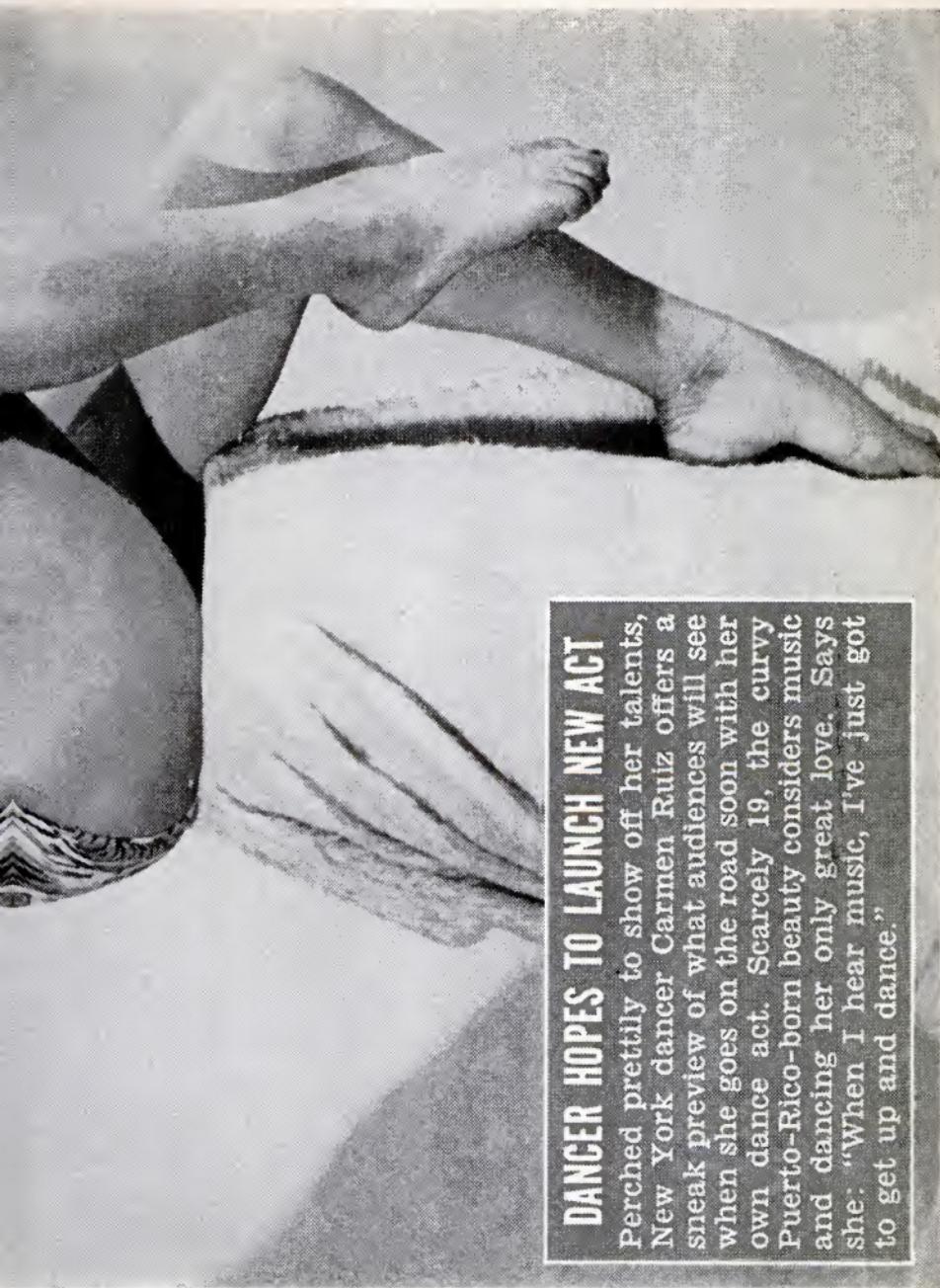
■ **Five-By-Five Mambo:** His 335 pounds bouncing to a mambo beat, blues singer John (Fats) Pinere takes a lesson in the Cuban dance rhythm from entertainer Vincine Edwards of the Del Rio Trio during a cabaret dance at Washington's Lincoln Colonade.



Wesley South

■ **Airborne Interpretations:** Barefoot and airborne, Texas Southern University dancing instructor Marjorie Stewart gives an enthusiastic exhibition of interpretive dancing for guests at a Houston house party hosted by Texas poetess Vivian Allen Ayers (seated on floor).





DANCER HOPES TO LAUNCH NEW ACT

Perched prettily to show off her talents, New York dancer Carmen Ruiz offers a sneak preview of what audiences will see when she goes on the road soon with her own dance act. Scarcely 19, the curvy Puerto-Rico-born beauty considers music and dancing her only great love. Says she: "When I hear music, I've just got to get up and dance."



Sammy Davis Jr.

■ **The Long And Short Of It:** Seemingly towering almost as high as the palm tree in the background, 6-foot 11-inch Ray Felix of the New York Knickerbockers basketball team finds 5-foot Lord Calvert Hotel hostess Jerri Gray merely waist high as they measure up beside pool.

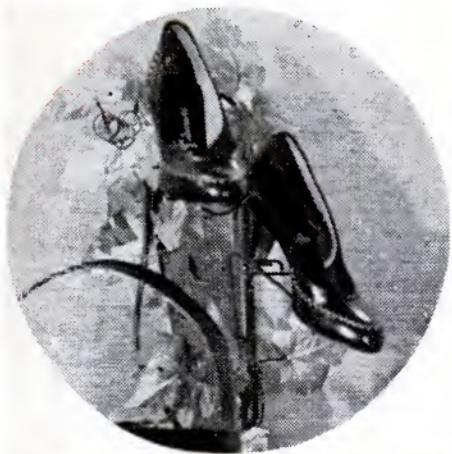


Fred Clark

■ **Spiritual Dance:** Overwhelmed by spiritual atmosphere at an Oakland, Calif., spring song festival, a Mt. Zion Temple member leaps from her seat to do an impromptu dance to the music of the Roberta Martin Singers. Some 600 other worshippers were similarly moved.



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HI FASHION IN FOOTWEAR



Blue, high-lustre calf is named "Jetaime." \$29.75.

"Directorie," a smart, white kid bareback, costs \$28.95.

Silk corded lace shoe has rhinestone heel. \$40.

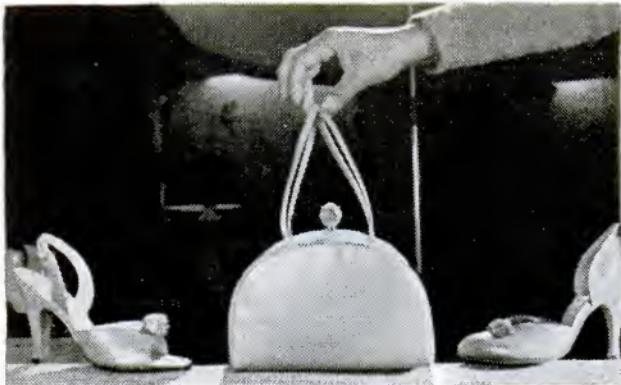
The "nude look," with many new versions of the T-strap and halter patterns; the bareback silhouette and soft, supple leathers in an array of rainbow colors are painting a bright picture in women's spring shoes. JET's selections come from Joseph's of Chicago.



Spindle-heeled shoe has rhinestone ornaments.

Price: \$39.95.





Vari-styled pastel lustre kid
shoes are priced from \$25 up.

"Off to the Races" is a smart,
black patent leather. \$14.95.



"Vien Rose," a black
bareback with a red
rose, costs \$34.95.



S O C I E T Y W O R L D

HOUSE WARMINGS In Cincinnati, all chit-chat centers around the 100 guests—a real cross-section of the U. S. A.—who attended the opening of the Ray Clarkes' \$60,000 ranch home. Dr. Clarke is the sole Negro member of the city's Metropolitan Housing Authority Board . . . Club Trinidad, owned by a local businessman but "fronted" by man-about-town Tommy Hall, gives Cleveland's élite an ultra supper club. Its ivory and ebony furnishings—with a dash of emerald green—are reported to have cost \$50,000 . . . Patrons of the jam-packed benefit at Belle Aire Club, sponsored by Detroit members of The Lovers of Idlewild to erect a club house at the North Michigan resort, counted heads, decided the group had met its quota for the proposed \$10,000-\$12,000 ranch-type structure. The facilities of the club, due to open late July, will include a recreation hall large enough to accommodate 400.



STORY OF THE WEEK New York's Westchesterites are still chuckling about the wealthy maiden lady who suddenly gave in to the ardent pleading of her persistent suitor and gave him such short notice of their wedding day that he didn't have time to get a best man. Pressing his 15-year-old nephew into service, the rushed bridegroom rented the teen-ager a tuxedo and warned him to be at the parsonage at 3 p.m. When the bridal party arrived 45 minutes later, they found that the best man had hung the tuxedo on a nearby fence and was busy playing stickball in the street.

COCKTAIL CHIT CHAT Norristown, New Jersey's wealthy Dr. Stephen Stanford drives a blue, convertible Ford Thunderbird that cost \$4,200. It has a telephone, which keeps him in touch with his office and home, and a press-button which signals an electronic eye to open his garage door . . . Cincinnati's Helen Bush, who teaches the 3 Rs in Florida and drives a Ford deluxe Victoria, tells all riders: "This isn't a Cadillac, but it's all paid for" . . . JET apologizes for mistakenly identifying Atlanta bank president L. D. Milton of the Citizens Trust Company as brother of Alvin M. Milton, a Washington, D. C., businessman. The banker is not related to Alvin as was reported and JET gladly makes this correction . . . Ronnie Brown, son of Hotel Theresa manager Bill Brown, won a ribbon for excellence in horsemanship. He's now trying to talk his dad into buying him his own private horse.



■ **Seeing Double:** Posing optical problems for even such careful observers as Walter King (l.) and Louis Brothers (r.), identical twins Mae and Marie Bowser enjoy festivities at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's annual cocktail party at Boston's Copley Square Hotel.

■ Relaxing In \$2,000 Comfort: Wearing a revealing Italian gown valued at \$2,000, model Dorothy Towles relaxes with pianist Dorothy Donegan at Cleveland's Masonic Auditorium. They were featured at a fashion show staged by prominent male designer Bryant Locke.

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STAG LINE Birmingham's Henderson Vaughn, the town's most-sought-after bachelor, is concentrating on "imported talent." For weeks he was the constant escort of Boston's Mereva Parrish Gibbs, for whom he hosted a champagne fete at his 10-room home, now he is squiring Long Island's Rosetta Reifer, who is conducting her second charm class for Birmingham socialites . . . T. Thomas Fortune Fletcher, for years headmaster of Emperor Haile Selassie's School for Boys at Addis Ababa, booked a July 23 sailing from Aden for a journey to the States via the Far East. It's rumored several U. S. educators would like to keep him on this side of the globe . . . Bermuda's most-eligible bachelor, wealthy merchant Gladwin Dismont, will escort the lucky gal voted Harlem's Queen of Clubs on her prize trip to the island . . . Lois Wilson, a candidate for a master's degree in social work at Atlanta U., flashes an engagement ring, admits she's the exclusive property of Morehouse man Emmett Conyers of Sumter, S. C.





■ **Snack Time:** Picking tasty snacks from a buffet table, Mrs. Wilhelmina Byrd Brown, Dr. Garfield C. Nickens and Mrs. Hazel M. Downing (l. to r.) enjoy the banquet, which followed the executive board meeting of the Girl Friends in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Brown is president of the national women's group.

STORK REPORT Jaxons Dr. Nelson Spaulding and Dr. Gene Downing happily anticipate heirs to be presented by their pretty wives, Joan and Elizabeth. In addition to planning her layette, Joan is sewing for her young daughter Wendi, who will be "Miss Future Fashionetta" in Jacksonville's AKA extravaganza featuring New York cover girl Frances Wallace . . . When Cecilia and Harold Stephens (she's the fashion model and he's the Recreation Club owner) were vacationing in Puerto Rico last summer, Cecilia met a seven-year-old boy on the beach, promptly fell in love with him. Although he couldn't speak English, he conveyed his affection for her and extracted a promise she would adopt him. By Christmas Cecilia had sold her husband on the adoption, flown to Puerto Rico and returned with Eduardo Torrias Villodas, who has been rechristened plain Eddie Stephens . . . Cleveland matron Beverly Mason, president of the fashionable Smart Set, and her personable young dentist husband, Ted, from Xenia, are expecting a third stork call.

HIGH FASHION When Dallas' Nieman-Marcus flew in gowns for a fashion show at Nassau's ritzy Emerald Beach Hotel, dancer Paul Meeres was commandeered to train white socialites to display them . . . Philadelphia's chocolate-colored, blonde beautician, Adele Reed, is being coached in French, Italian and Egyptian in preparation for her six-month foreign tour during which she'll study skin and hair culture . . . For travel in the Far East during a world tour this summer, Philly journalist Mae McCrary has ordered a reversible ensemble of lightweight Italian straw, lined with a nylon print, and matching Italian straw shoes . . . At Detroit's American Association for Self-Emancipation show, four-year-old Paula Jane Lawson stole the spotlight modeling a riding habit, a cotton dress over stiff petticoats, and a pink, floor length evening gown. Paula is the niece of hat designer and fashion consultant Linda Page, who staged the show, entitled "Glamor On The Rue De La Paix."

► **Cover Girls' Serenade:** Being serenaded by singer Carl Van Moon at Chicago's Ru-Jac Charm Center's annual graduation, fashion show and cover girl pageant, magazine cover girls Marlena Fitzhugh, Mardelle Rogers and Betty Jo Taylor (l. to r.) smile approvingly.



* PEOPLE ARE

- * The Walter White funeral in New York, where the late NAACP leader's first wife, Leah Gladys Powell White was not seen on the mourner's bench at St. Martin's Protestant Episcopal Church. The bench was occupied by White's widow, Poppy Cannon White; his actress daughter, Jane, and son, Walter Carl White Jr., who reassumed his first name after dropping it when his famous dad married Poppy Cannon.
- * How Silas Mirick, Philadelphia suburban businessman, awakened by the screams of his four-year-old daughter, found the reason for her terror—a wig belonging to her Negro baby-sitter was hanging on the child's bedpost. The Miricks had the baby-sitter remain overnight and she was sleeping fully-clothed on a chaise lounge, after removing her top-piece. When the child screamed, she jumped out of a window.
- * The bizarre wardrobe of former movie comic Stepin Fetchit, which is said to contain dozens of the bright pink suits and white-on-white shoes he wears daily in his bareheaded strolls along Western Avenue, Los Angeles' new Negro main stem.
- * The "high society" hospital supervisor in New York whose husband came on her job, had her paged, took her to a clinic room which was closed because of a holiday and beat her. His reason: she had moved the family car from in front of his girl friend's house, where he had it stashed.
- * The "all day" funeral in Memphis for Rev. Benjamin J. Perkins where six preachers took turns trying to outdo the other in making the women shout. The funeral began early in the morning, wound up in mid-afternoon. The body was carried from Cleveland to Mississippi to Memphis then back to Cleveland for burial.

TALKING ABOUT

- * The odd case of the well-to-do white soldier who returned to Pittsburgh from the Pacific with an Oriental bride. Very jealous of his younger brother, he went to Philadelphia to consult a Negro fortune teller, who—for \$250—told him to go home and every time he leaves the younger brother alone with his bride to place an egg under the mattress in the middle of his bed.
- * That group of Washington Post Office clerks who took weekend leave and drove to Philadelphia and New York, where they staged some torrid stag parties.
- * The revival of memories of the Greenwich Village party given last year by Ted Joans for Mickey Jelke girl, Pat Ward, where she read poems and discussed the future of American "culture" until the wee hours. Most of the guests were among those fighting for seats at Jelke's second trial in New York.
- * The funeral services for Charley (Yardbird) Parker in New York at which his real wife, Doris from Chicago, came through a side door, sat in the rear, while Chan, the alto sax virtuoso's common-law mate, sat on the mourner's bench. Both are white. His first wife, a Negro, was not involved. Parker's pneumonia was believed to have been contracted by sleeping in his unheated room in Greenwich Village.
- * That famed bandleader's beautiful wife who was picked up for speeding in Miami and given a "free hotel" room until her friend, Virgil, shamed her riding companions into helping out with the "bail."
- * That tape recording played at a current Washington, D. C., racket trial. It is an account of how a prominent Negro school principal bets on the horses at a corner bookie parlor every morning before going to work.

—DAN BURLEY

BOOK OF THE WEEK

THE FREEDOM SONG By Neill C. Wilson

■ Prome Oldrag, a young slave, sat down under a tree and made himself a song. The air he twanked on his guitar was nameless, but it had a commanding, insistent beat. It had misery in it and hope. It had his mother in it too, a woman of large faith who told him once: ". . . someday try be free! Your poppa says coloreds free in heaven, but don't you wait." In *The Freedom Song* (Henry Holt, \$3.50), novelist Neill C. Wilson presents a fictional version of how this song travelled from group to group until it was set down on paper as the unforgettable *Battle Hymn Of The Republic*.

■ Novelist Wilson uses Prome as a stand-in for the nameless slaves who first gave voice to so many tunes that were adapted later by white musicians. His Prome, however, is a simple, naïve youth who never emerges as a man capable of pulling out of the air a song of such singular beauty and clarity. On his best day, one feels, Prome would have had trouble even with *Tweedlee Dee*.

■ Perhaps the author sensed this, for he made a devastating comment on his own creation. He made Prome escape and walk to the Canadian border and freedom. But Prome gave up his long-sought freedom immediately after he learned that Lincoln had freed the slaves. Returning to strife-torn Virginia and almost certain capture, returning for a wife who slept openly and almost willingly with her white master, Prome met a woman who asked where he had been. He told her about his long walk to Niagara Falls and the slatternly prostitute who helped him toast Emancipation Day with a bottle of gin. The woman took the measure of the hero of *The Freedom Song* in one quip: "Long way go for gin."—L. B.

Willie Mays' 1st Book To Be Published April 24

The phenomenal baseball career of New York Giant center fielder Willie Mays will be told in *Born To Play Ball*, an autobiography ghost written by former International News Service sports writer Charles Einstein. The book, to be published April 24 by G. P. Putnam's Sons, discredits the popular belief that the Alabama-born National League batting champ is a baseball superman, and dispels the myth that he is a shy overgrown kid incapable of expressing himself.

THE WEEK'S CENSUS

Died:

Rev. Cameron Chesterfield Alleyne, 74, bishop of the Third Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church; of natural causes; at his home in Philadelphia. A native of Barbados, British West Indies, he was ordained in 1904, served as bishop of the African Gold Coast for four years before moving to Philadelphia in 1929 . . . **Dr. Joseph E. Trigg**, 60, prominent physician and member of the Washington (D. C.), Boxing Commission since 1948; of an internal disorder; in Freedmen's Hospital. A former football star and crew standout at Syracuse University, Dr. Trigg was a graduate of the Howard University School of Medicine . . . **James Henry Thorpe**, 31, one of the four defendants acquitted in the famous "Trenton Six" murder case; of injuries received in an automobile accident; at St. Francis Hospital in Trenton, N. J.

Born:

To **Timmie Rogers**, night club and theater comedian, and his wife, **Louise**; their first child, a daughter; at New York's Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital. Name: **Joy Louise**. Weight: seven pounds, 14 ounces.



Rev. Alleyne

SPORTS

Calif. Commission Revokes Archie Moore's License

The California Athletic Commission revoked the boxing license of 38-year-old light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore because of his "organic heart condition."

'Goose' Missing As Trotters Begin 'World Series'

Goose Tatum, the here-again, gone-again \$50,000-a-year clown of the Harlem Globetrotters, was missing as the globe-girdling basketeers began their annual 21-city, "World Series" with the College All-Stars in New York. Tatum, who disappeared, then was found in Crossett, Ark., only to disappear again was suspended by Globetrotter owner-coach Abe Saperstein for being AWOL. Meanwhile, 34,083 fans watched the "Trotters take the afternoon-night twin bill from the All-Stars (67-63, 72-70).

UCLA Freshman Wins 6 Events In Track Meet

Rafer Johnson, UCLA's 19-year-old all-around athlete and recent winner of the Pan-American Games decathlon, won six events as the UCLA freshman team defeated Mount San Antonio College, 72-59 in a dual track meet. Johnson set a new school freshman record by tossing the javelin 191-feet, 11-inches. He putted the shot 46-feet, 3-inches, hurled the discus 145-feet, 3-inches, broad-jumped 23-feet, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inches, high jumped 6-feet, and took the high hurdles in 14.9 seconds.

CASEY STENGEL ELATED OVER

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Elston Howard is making a place for himself in baseball's most exclusive set—The New York Yankees—and he is making it strictly according to the Yankee book—with hard, slashing, wanna-win play on field and gentlemanly manner off field.

Barring bad break or an unlikely front-office boner, Howard "officially" will become the first Negro Yankee when the club opens the season at home against Washington on April 12. He will make it—not because he is a

■ **‘Mr. Louisville’:** Displaying the highly - developed physique that won him the title “Mr. Louisville” in an annual Louisville, Ky., YMCA contest, 17-year-old George Hudson strikes a muscular stance for second-place winner Clarence Conrad (r.) and third place winner James Williams.



Louisville’s Central High Wins Negro Title

Central High School of Louisville defeated Bert High of Clarksville, Tenn., 85-61 to win 10th annual Negro high school national basketball championship at Tennessee State University’s Little Garden in Nashville.

ELSTON HOWARD’S BRILLIANCE

Negro and the Yankees finally have bowed to pressure—but because he will have earned the right to wear the uniform made fashionable by Ruth, DiMaggio, Gehrig. What position he will play is still a matter of conjecture, but the fact that Howard is expected to be on the club roster has been admitted, by no less a personage than Casey Stengel, Yankee manager. “He’s done damn good,” Casey told the writer in the dugout of Miller Huggins Field. “Looks like he’s going to make it himself.”

JOHNNY-COME-LATELY NATS, PHILS

By A. S. "DOC" YOUNG

Team integration isn't coming easily for the Washington Senators and Philadelphia Phillies, two clubs that claim they want Negro players in the "worst way." The Senators, also called "Nats," are searching for a Negro star in a spring training group that includes six Latin Negroes and a low-minor-league American Negro. The Phillies reportedly are anxious to deal Brooklyn's Dodgers out of second baseman James (Junior) Gilliam. The Nats' best prospect for '55 is Juan Delis, a 27-year-old good-glove Cuban infielder who hit .262 for Havana in '54. The Phillies-Dodgers' deal remains a good conversation piece. The Grapefruit round-up:

- For years, Alex Crespo, the giant 38-year-old Cuban outfielder signed by Washington, spurned major league offers because he preferred playing in South America, Mexico, and Cuba. He never hit less than .300.
- The sore arm that's plagued Gene Baker, Chicago Cubs' second baseman, will not cramp his style come season's opening.
- Apparently displaced from left field by the recuperating Bobby Thomson, Hank Aaron, who startled baseball last year by jumping from Class-A ball to the majors, is gunning for Andy Pafko's right field job with Milwaukee.



Newcombe



H. Robinson



Campanella



Aaron

NEED NEGRO STARS 'IN WORST WAY'

• Humberto Robinson, skinny (6-feet, 150 pounds), good-looking Panamanian righthander who won 23 games at Jacksonville, Fla., last season, is attempting to duplicate Aaron's "jump" feat. He has been the brightest pitching prospect seen in Florida this spring.

• In pleading his own case for rating as a better center fielder than Willie Mays, the Dodgers' Duke Snider said: "I make more money, don't I?" The Dook didn't remember that he was already an established performer when Willie came to the majors.

• Southern Negro fans occasionally complain that certain Negro major leaguers are "too uppity." But they love Minnie Minoso, the Chicago White Sox star.

• Don Newcombe, big Brooklyn righthander who hopes to return to the 20-game-winner ranks, has been practising "after hours" on his change-up pitch.

• Roy Campanella fans would have loved this sight at Miller Huggins Field in St. Petersburg, Fla.: Bill Dickey, former catching great, trying to teach technique to Yogi Berra, New York Yankee star—and Berra's not-altogether-graceful attempts to apply the lessons.

• Reason for Giant star Monte Irvin's resurgence as a hitter: He quit falling away from the inside pitch.



Irvin



Baker



Minoso



Mays



► **Bouncing Boxer Gets Bumped:** Showing plenty of bounce after a recent kayo of heavyweight Roland La Starza, Cuban fighter Julio Mederos seemed anxious for last Friday night's bout with Bob Baker, was promptly beaten in slow, 10-round match at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Ex-High Jumper Dave Albritton To Coach Iranians

Dave Albritton, famed ex-high jumper from Ohio State, received a State Department appointment to teach coaches and athletes in Iran. Albritton, who will leave for Iran April 1 with his social worker wife, Margaret Ann, plans to remain there six months.

Bryant Wins Big Seven Wrestling Title

Charley Bryant, all-Big Seven football guard from the University of Nebraska, won the 167-pound class Big Seven wrestling championship at Boulder, Colo. Bryant, who weighed 197 pounds for football, won 11 matches and lost only one during the regular wrestling season.

INSIDE SPORTS

By A. S. "Doc" Young

Jimmy Crutchfield is a small man who was a big outfield star in what people now fondly remember as old-time Negro baseball. Jimmy came into the office a few days ago, not to relive his thrills but to talk about the late Josh Gibson. Gibson, you know, was so great a catcher and so awesome a slugger that Roy Campanella, the best of our time, speaks of him in reverent tones.

"Josh," said Jimmy, in Campy-like reverent tones, "started out as one of the dumbest catchers I've ever seen. But he worked hard—and he improved just like that!" As proof, Jimmy handed over a faded record sheet for the 1933 season, when Josh played with the famed old Pittsburgh Crawfords. Josh's record was: batting average, .467; homers, 55; hits, 239; runs scored, 152; runs batted in, 211.

"Josh," said Jimmy, "could hit any kind of pitch. No one in the majors today has a similar batting style. His stance was wide. Sometimes he crouched; other times he stood up straight." Asked if Josh would have beaten Babe Ruth's home run mark had he been a major leaguer, Jimmy said he thought the giant catcher could have done it.

"One of the fine things about Josh Gibson," Jimmy continued, "was that he was the same all the time. He didn't want to appear to be a big star. I remember one time an opposing player was trying to score on Josh. The runner was out by 10 feet, but he jumped, hit Josh with his spikes, and tore his uniform. The spikes left foot-long cuts in Josh's leg. Our team was burned up about it. But all Josh said was, 'It was my fault. I should have protected myself.'"

Negro League To Open Season May 15

The four-team Negro American League will open its 1955 baseball season May 15, president Dr. J. B. Martin announced in Chicago, following a one-day meeting of league officials. Member clubs: Birmingham Black Barons, Memphis Red Sox, Detroit Stars, and Kansas City Monarchs. Among new officials is Rev. Gatemouth Moore, a radio minister.

Boxing Writers Give Moore Longevity Award

Archie Moore, 38-year-old champion of the light heavyweights, was awarded the Battling Nelson Memorial Trophy for long and meritorious service to boxing by the Chicago Boxing Writers and Broadcasters Association.

Dick Ricketts Wins Shrine MVP Award

All-American Dick Ricketts, 6-8 star of Duquesne University's National Invitational Tournament champions, was chosen "Most Valuable Player" of the Shrine East-West All-Star basketball game after he led the East team to a 90-77 victory in Kansas City, Mo.



► **Most Valuable Cager:** Voted "most valuable player" of the National Invitational Tournament at Madison Square Garden, towering Maurice Stokes (r.) of St. Francis (Pa.) College receives trophy from Walter McLaughlin, Metropolitan Intercollegiate Athletic Association president. Stokes averaged 31 points per game during tourney.

Indict 3 Policy Men For \$213,951 Tax Evasion

Three former operators of a once reputed million-dollar-a-year policy wheel were indicted in Chicago by a Federal jury on charges of evading \$213,951 in taxes from 1948 to 1951, when the wheel was shut down. The indictments were against Reuben Black, Earl B. White and Harold L. Jackson. The jury charged the three men operated the lucrative Times Square-Green Dragon wheel, with headquarters in a Chicago hotel.

Texas Dance Teacher Held On Murder Charge

A 28-year-old Houston YWCA dance teacher confessed to robbing and killing a San Francisco woman in February, 1954, FBI agents reported. Federal agent George Burton said Raphael Darkins, former Navy boxing champ, admitted beating to death Faye Shelton and robbing her of \$895. Later, he deserted from the Navy, went to Texas and assumed the name Guy Jackson.

Boys Raid 'Ghost House,' Get \$25,000 'Junk'

Six boys who invaded a "haunted" 60-year-old mansion and carted away irreplaceable antiques valued at \$25,000 were held for questioning by Memphis police who found the family of one boy eating hot dogs off \$2,500 plates.

Sleeping Pal Saves Friend's Car From Thief

In St. Louis, Arthur Williams fell asleep in the rear seat of a friend's parked car, and by doing so prevented teen-aged Arthur Hamilton from stealing the vehicle. Awakened by a curious crowd gathered around the car which had crashed into a fence, Williams was surprised to learn what had happened while he slept. Hamilton had slipped into the car, driven it several blocks, then became frightened when he suddenly saw Williams on the rear seat. In his excitement he drove the machine into a fence, then fled. Later he was arrested when he returned to find out what Williams was doing in the car.

Britain Bans Camilla Williams In Ballet Role



Miss Williams

Soprano Camilla Williams was refused a permit to sing *Madam Butterfly* with England's Sadler's Wells ballet company by the country's Ministry of Labour. The permit was blocked by British Equity to maintain the Wells' tradition as a starting place for young British performers. However, the publication London Musical Events said of the ban: "The whole affair is so petty and narrow-minded it can only be described as deplorable."

Nat Cole's \$10,000 Copa City Check Bounces

A \$10,000 check paid singer Nat (King) Cole for his engagement at Miami's Copa City night club was returned by a bank due to insufficient funds, according to Cole's spokesman, Milton Karl. However, Copa owner Murray Weinger and the American Guild of Variety Artists later agreed on arrangements for the sum. Copa City closed down temporarily after Cole left and became the second of Miami's three major night spots to lock its doors after a slow season.

Josephine Baker In Row Over Adopted Child

Singer Josephine Baker was halted by intelligence police aboard an airplane in Cali, Colombia as she sought to leave for Paris with a five-month-old Negro child she had just adopted. When officers explained that the child's father, a beggar, had changed his mind and wanted it back, Miss Baker at first refused, then relented as fellow passengers joined in the ensuing hassle. She then left alone for Paris, where she already has six adopted children. En route to Paris, Miss Baker stopped in New York for a three-day visit, and, unlike on previous occasions, was not detained by authorities. She carried a visitor's visa which is good for two more years, officials said.

Lionel Hampton's Vocalist Stricken In Paris

Blues singer Sonny Parker suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in Paris and was rushed to an American hospital. Parker, who has been touring Europe and the Middle East as a featured vocalist with Lionel Hampton's band, went into a coma and his condition was termed critical. Hampton's band, scheduled to return to the U. S. late in March, cancelled the trip to remain in Paris near Parker.

Carnegie Hall Benefit Slated For Late Star

A benefit show for the late jazz saxophonist Charlie (Yardbird) Parker at Carnegie Hall April 2 is being planned by pianists Hazel Scott and Mary Lou Williams, and bop trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie. Proceeds will go to Parker's mother in Kansas City, Mo., and his two children.

■ **Close Harmony:** Ears turned to catch the right key, entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. and comedian Red Buttons strike up a little close harmony for TV singer Jack Carter at New York's Sheraton Astor Roof. Trio attended after-theater supper for world premiere of new movie *East Of Eden*. Stars paid \$50 per ticket to benefit Actors' Studio.



ELLA FITZGERALD A BIG HIT



*Dancing as she sings,
Ella makes 'Strip' debut.*

Celebrated jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald made her debut on Hollywood's Sunset Strip by packing the plush Mocambo night club. Billed as "The First Lady of Song," Ella's smooth vocals lured some of the biggest singing names in show business. Among them: Eartha Kitt, Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland. In praising Miss Fitzgerald's artistry a Daily Variety reviewer commented: "To hear Ella sing *I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby*, or her trademarked *Tisket-A-Tasket* is a rich experience in a Strip nitery." Following a 10-day Mocambo parade of stars which included Bob Hope, Dinah Shore and Jeff Chandler, a Hollywood Reporter critic quipped: "Business should remain comparatively the same —excellent."



Congratulatory kisses are planted on Ella by singer Ella Mae Morse (r.) and fashion designer Don Loper (l.) after show.

AT HOLLYWOOD MOCAMBO DEBUT



Frank Sinatra and date Peggy Connolly cheer Ella's singing.



Judy Garland and husband Sid Luft are happy listeners.



Songstress Eartha Kitt presents Ella with giant bouquet of roses, club owner's wife, Mrs. Charlie Morrison, stands by.

Warfield To Tour Europe With Orchestra

Baritone William Warfield will be the only American soloist to appear with the Philadelphia Orchestra when it makes its first European tour May 15-June 20. Performances are scheduled for Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Sweden and Finland with a major appearance at the "Salute To France" musical festival in Paris.

DePaur Chorus Set For Carnegie Hall Easter Date

The famed Leonard DePaur Infantry Chorus will appear at New York's Carnegie Hall for the first time in three years for an Easter performance of works by Ulysses Kay and other Negro composers. Contralto Marian Anderson, who usually appears in Carnegie Easter recitals, will be abroad this year.



► **Pianist Aids Flood Victims:** Raising \$2,500 through a charity concert she planned to aid victims of a New South Wales, Australia, flood disaster, pianist Winifred Atwell checks over program of gigantic flood relief show with ballet girls in Sydney. Miss Atwell also sold 100 autographed records to theater lobby crowd to raise \$260.



New York BEAT

▲ Pianist-singer Jo Thompson's hot love affair is with a high Cuban government official, who planes to Miami weekly from Havana just to hold hands.

▲ Dottie Mann, ex-wife of Detroit football player Bob Mann, hopes for an out-of-court settlement of her case against a Washington playboy, who cursed her, then knocked her down and kicked her in a cafe.

▲ Rumors are flying that the reason policy baron Roy McGregor was knocked off was because of an argument and fist fight he had with an ofay gangster over a pretty Harlem model.

▲ The book, *100 Years Of The Negro In Show Business*, by the late Tom Fletcher is just beginning to pay royalties. Tom died before he collected any royalties, which are going to two nieces he hardly knew.

▲ The ranch mink stole that is draped around shapely model Ruth King is rumored to be a gift from one of the city's better known politicians.

▲ Irving C. Miller's *Brown-skin Models Of 1955* are booked in Atlantic City's Club Harlem for the summer, replacing Larry Steele's *Smart Affairs* revue.

▲ After her baby was born, dancer Pearl Primus returned to her New York studio to teach Caribbean dance interpretations. She will present a new company this fall.

▲ Actress Hilda Simms is trying to land a new role in an original Broadway play while seeking a casting in a Hollywood film. She recently turned down an offer to teach voice and diction at Rose Morgan's new Sugar Hill charm school.



Carrolle Drake



Jo Thompson

▲ Billy Eckstine has hinted to pals that he will soon make a big announcement concerning himself and model Carroll Drake.

▲ Although most Puerto Ricans are dark-skinned, new orders in the New York Police Department told cops to classify them as white.

▲ Jocko Maxwell, the nation's first Negro sports commentator, celebrated his 23rd year in radio. Now doing a daily show on WNJR in Newark, he's interviewed more than 2,000 celebs.

▲ Tired of being a housewife, singer Vicki Vigal returned to show business after a three-year layoff. She is working in a Culver City, Calif., night spot.

▲ Bandleader Earl Bostic was awarded a gold record from King Records president Sid Nathan because his *Flamingo* reached the millionth mark in sales.

▲ John (Squirt) Palmer, the Apollo Theater assistant manager who went to work there as an usher 18 years ago, will be given a testimonial dinner by show people who've played the Apollo.

▲ Ida Tillman, the curvaceous hostess at the Shalimar Cafe, has a nice way of silencing "fresh" customers. Whenever one propositions her she says: "Thanks, Sweetie, but I don't go with the drinks!"

▲ Several music colleges want the alto saxophone of late bandleader Charlie Parker for their halls of fame. However, it probably will be enshrined at the Birdland night club, which bears his nickname.

▲ New rage among women is the orchid-colored hair styles created by Landeros, the fabulous male beautician at Olivia's House of Beauty.

▲ The district attorney's office is investigating the business affairs of a bigtime real estate tycoon who runs a room-for-rent agency.

▲ Kiah Sayles, ex-secretary to Joe Louis, joined a national TV and radio firm as goodwill ambassador.

▲ Joe Smith, ex-singer with the sensational Five Keys quartet, has organized his own vocal outfit, The Travelers.

▲ Wedding bells will ring for Rev. Fred Steen, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Oberlin, Ohio, and Verolga LaVerne, a student at Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

▲ One of the city's top ice skaters is Judge Thomas Dickens. His high school speed record, set 20 years ago, still stands.

▲ Torch song stylist Mauri Lynn, who won acclaim for her dog fight role in the movie *Carmen Jones*, is winning rave notices for her sultry performances at military bases in Okinawa and Japan.

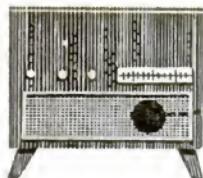
—MAJOR ROBINSON



Ruth King



Mauri Lynn



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GUIDE

Dandridge, Sammy Davis Jr. On Toast Of Town

Movie star Dorothy Dandridge and entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. with the Will Mastin Trio will head a star-packed show on Ed Sullivan's *Toast of the Town* (Sunday, April 3, at 8 p.m., EST) on CBS-TV. It will mark the second appearance on the show for



Miss Dandridge *Sammy Davis*



the glamorous singer-actress, and the third for Sammy. Other Negroes appearing on radio and television this week include:

The Mills Brothers on *The Perry Como Show* (Wednesday, April 6, at 7:45 p. m., EST) on CBS-TV, and at 9 p. m., same date, on CBS radio.

The Four Step Brothers on *All In Fun* (Saturday, April 2, at 10:30 p. m., EST) on CBS-TV.

Coleman Hawkins on *Tonight with Steve Allen* (Friday, April 1, at 11 p. m., EST) on NBC-TV.

Diahann Carroll on *The Ruby Mercer Show* (Friday, April 1, at 3 p.m., EST) on Mutual radio.

Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson vs. **Archie McBride** in a 10-round heavyweight bout (Monday, April 4, at 10 p. m., EST) on DuMont TV.

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